

Creation – God made a beautiful place for his family.



This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, when the LORD God made the earth and the heavens: Now no shrub had yet appeared on the earth and no plant had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no one to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground. Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.” The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the

man.

The man said,

*“This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called
‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man. ”*

*That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and
they become one flesh.*

~ Genesis 2:4-10; 15-24 ~

The earth and the heavens haven't always been around. They have a beginning. They were made by God!

And God did a fantastic job making the earth and the heavens. We are told that the plants that he made were not only good to look at, but they were also good and tasty to eat!

And the best thing about God's creation, well it's humans!

God created humans, both male and female, to be part of his forever family and to care for rest of his creation. And he gave the first humans an amazing place to live, the wonderful Garden of Eden.

And God knew that humans needed other humans to be in relationship with. That is why God us male and female. God knows all about us and what we all need, so he made sure that his creation has everything we need in it!

That is how much God loves us humans!

Some questions to think about:

1. How do we know that humans are a special part of God's creation?
2. How does it feel knowing God made humans to be part of his forever family?
3. What do you want to say to God knowing that he has made a world for you to live in with everything you need in it?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the all the earth and the heavens which you have made. Thank you that you have made humans so special. And thank you that you have made us to be part of your forever family.

Amen.